



Mission Statement

The mission of Gulf Shores Elementary School's comprehensive school counseling and guidance program is to effectively provide a motivating, safe, and trusting environment which empowers **all** students to become life-long emotional, social, academic, and career-oriented citizens.

Referral Process

Parents and guardians may always schedule an appointment utilizing the contact information below.

Students may request to see a counselor by completing a referral form or by giving verbal indication to a teacher, staff member, principal, or counselor.

Ph: (215) 968-7375
Fax: (251) 968-7217
lkcooper@bcbe.org
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1600 East 3rd Street
Gulf Shores, Alabama 36542

For additional information, please feel free to make contact in person, via phone, or the web.

<https://www.bcbe.org/gselem>
<http://gsescounselors.weebly.com>

Comprehensive School Counseling Program



Gulf Shores Elementary

Ethical Guidelines

All students are entitled to informed consent. Should a child need extended individual or any small group counseling sessions, an informed consent form must be signed by a guardian prior to counseling.



Confidentiality will be secured within legal and ethical constraints, in consideration of the following exceptions: self-harm, endangerment of others by child, endangerment of child by others.



Jennifer Knight is the PK-2nd grade professional school counselor at Gulf Shores Elementary School. Prior to becoming a school counselor, Mrs. Knight served as a kindergarten teacher and a special education teacher at both Gulf Shores Elementary and in her hometown of Cullman, AL.

Mrs. Knight graduated from Athens University with a BS in Collaborative Teaching K-6. She is also highly qualified in Elementary Education.

She attained her Master of School Counseling from the University of West Alabama and is certified in grades K-12 School Counseling. Mrs. Knight is a member of the American School Counseling association.

Services Offered

Classroom Guidance

- Communication
- Character Traits
- Problem Solving
- Self-esteem

Individual

- Intervention for academic, behavioral, and/or emotional concerns
- Academic
- Personal/social
- Career exploration

Small Group

- Changing families
- Grief
- Anxiety/test taking
- Other: Focusing on specific area of need

Other

- Parent/teacher consultation
- Community and parenting resource information

Lyle Cooper is the 3rd-6th grade professional school counselor at Gulf Shores Elementary School. Mr. Cooper is a native of Gulf Shores. "I am excited about having the opportunity to help raise our community's next generation in this capacity!"

Mr. Cooper is a University of West Florida and Capella University graduate. Prior to serving as a school counselor, Mr. Cooper was a crisis counselor in mental health in Baldwin, Escambia, and Okaloosa counties.

Mr. Cooper holds a K-12 School Counseling certificate in Alabama, is a National Certified Counselor, and is a member of the Alabama Counseling Association and American School Counseling Association.